



Scaling Up to Resiliency – The State Water Project in a Changing Climate

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State Water Project Mission

Safely supply good quality water for municipal, industrial, agricultural, and recreational uses and for protecting and enhancing fish and wildlife.



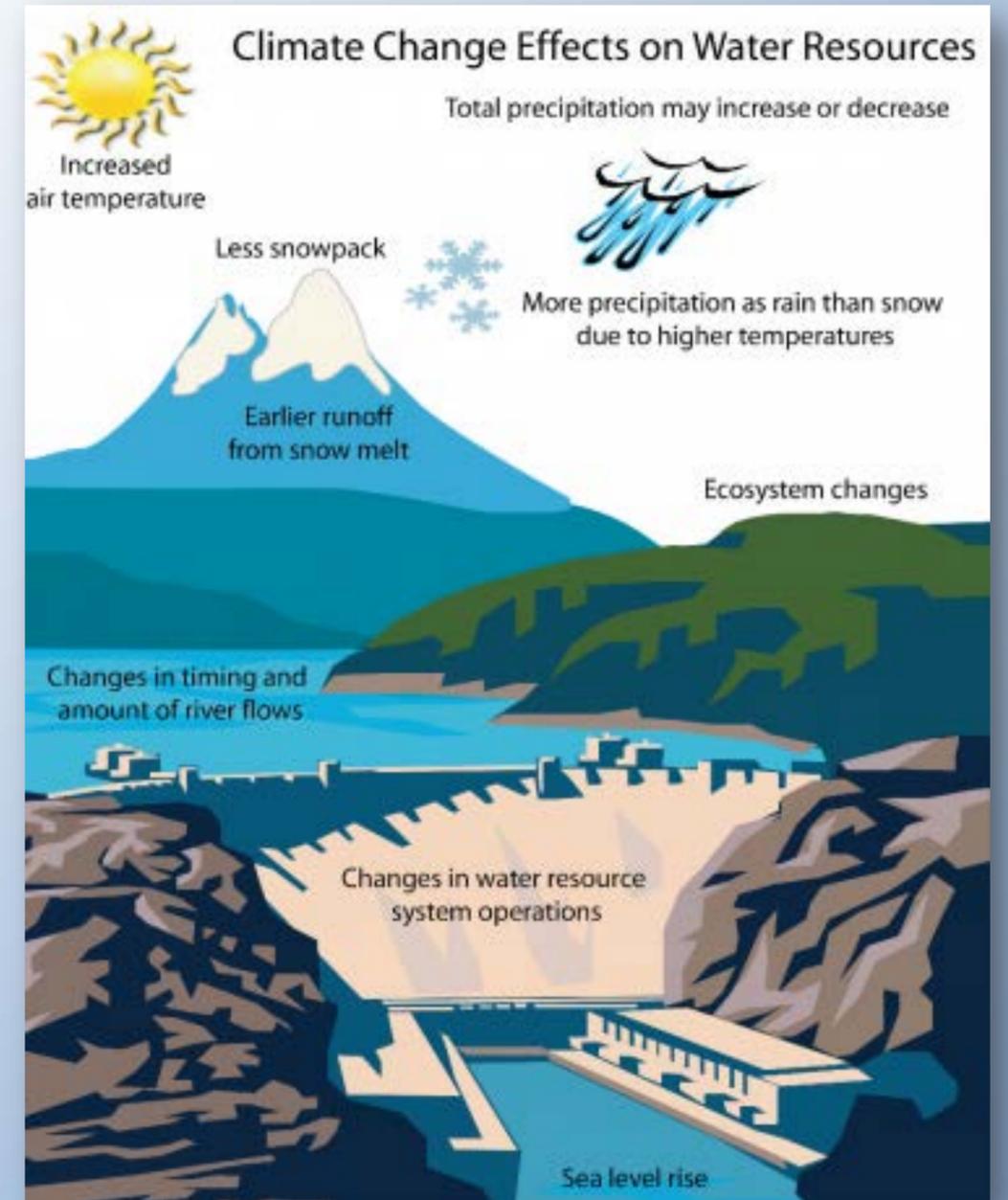
State Water Project

- Nation's largest state-built system
- 700+ miles of aqueducts, tunnels and pipelines
- 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland
- \$400B average annual economic activity



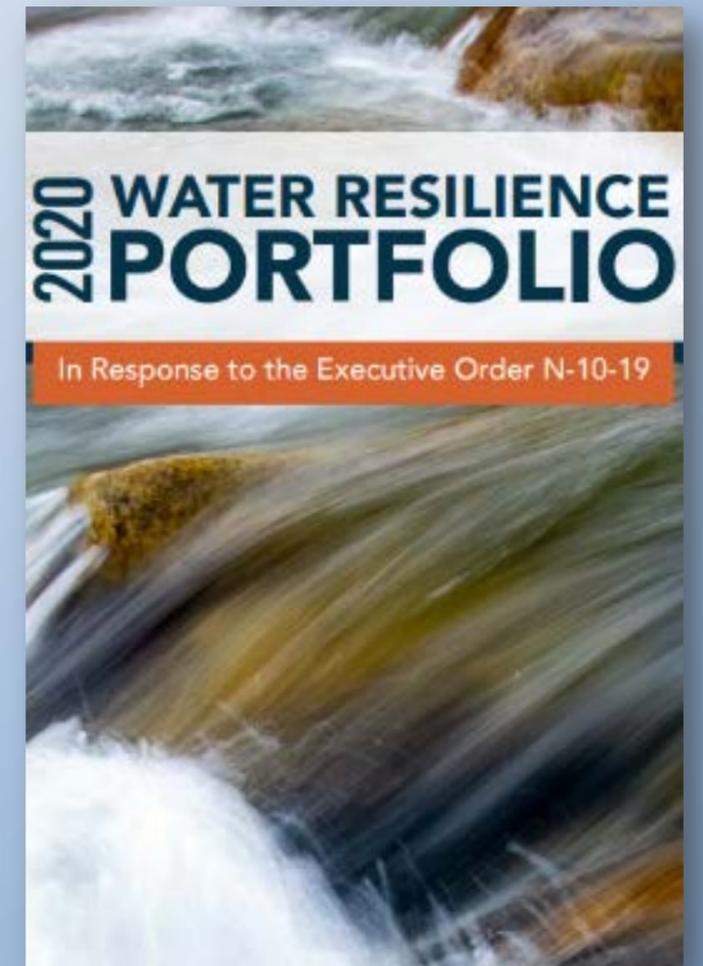
Responses to Climate Change

- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Emissions Plan
- Vulnerability Assessment for SWP Portfolio of Assets
- Infrastructure risk management
- Refined planning with climate change projections
- Water control manual updates
- Forecast informed reservoir operations
- Water Resiliency actions
- Water Supply Investment Program



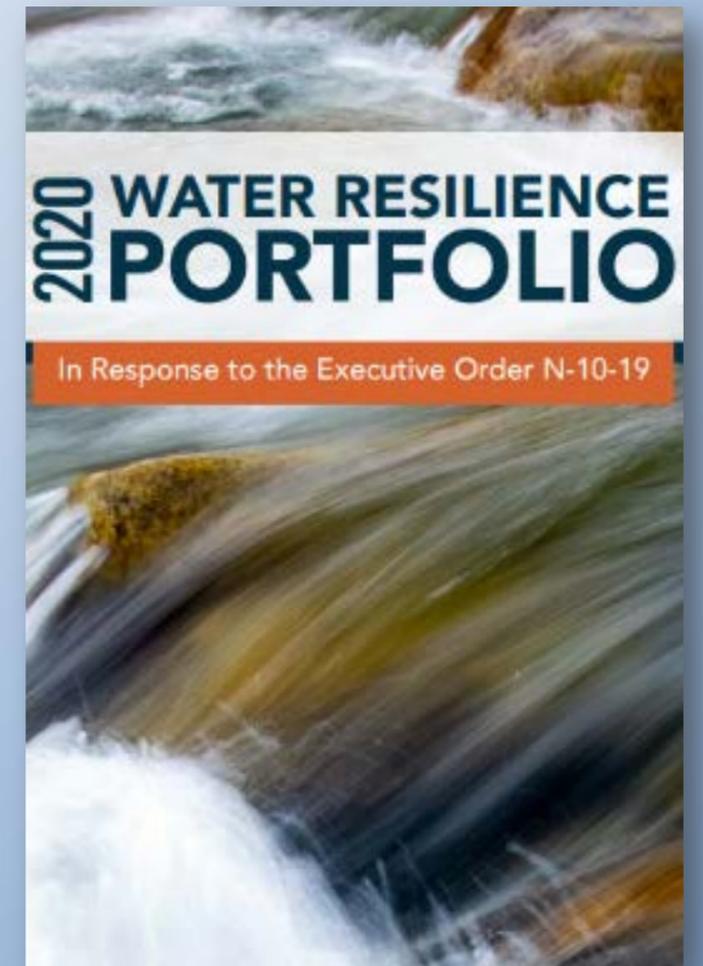
Water Resiliency

- Governor Newsom's plan to meet California's water needs through the 21st century
- New and improved diversions and conveyance
- Studies of subsidence effects
- Evaluate implementing forecast-informed reservoir operations



Water Resiliency

- Protect fish and wildlife through improved flows.
- Reconnect habitat, e.g., rivers to floodplains
- Expand wetlands, including mountain meadows
- Encourage investment in upper watersheds to protect water quality and supply.
- Protect the economic and ecological vitality of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta



Mountain Meadow Restoration

- Increase groundwater storage
- Reduce erosion
- Improve summer/fall flows
- Improve habitat

Before Restoration



After Restoration



Forest Management



Forest Management

Before



After



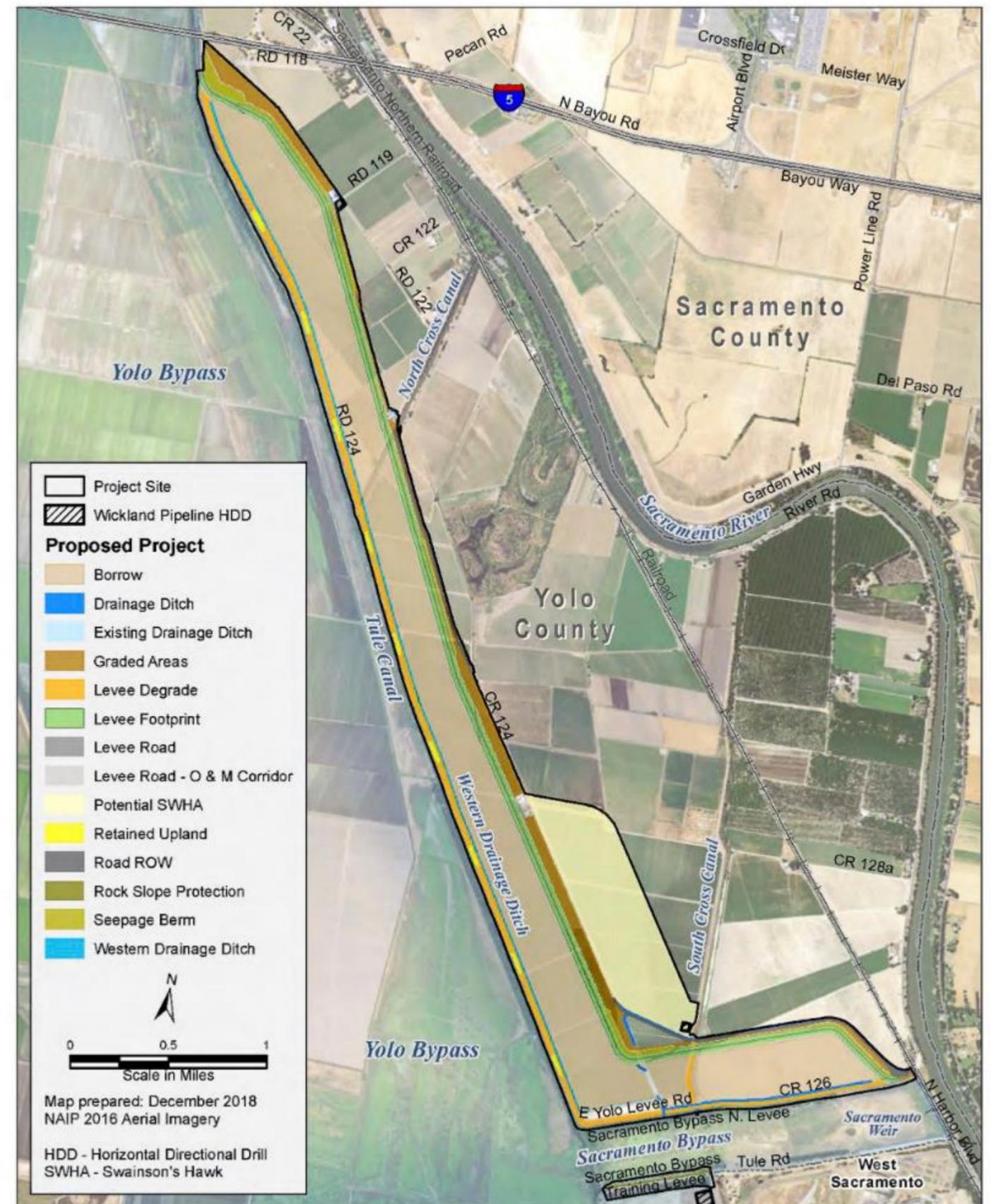
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300 acres tidal wetlands for
Delta Smelt, Longfin Smelt
and salmon



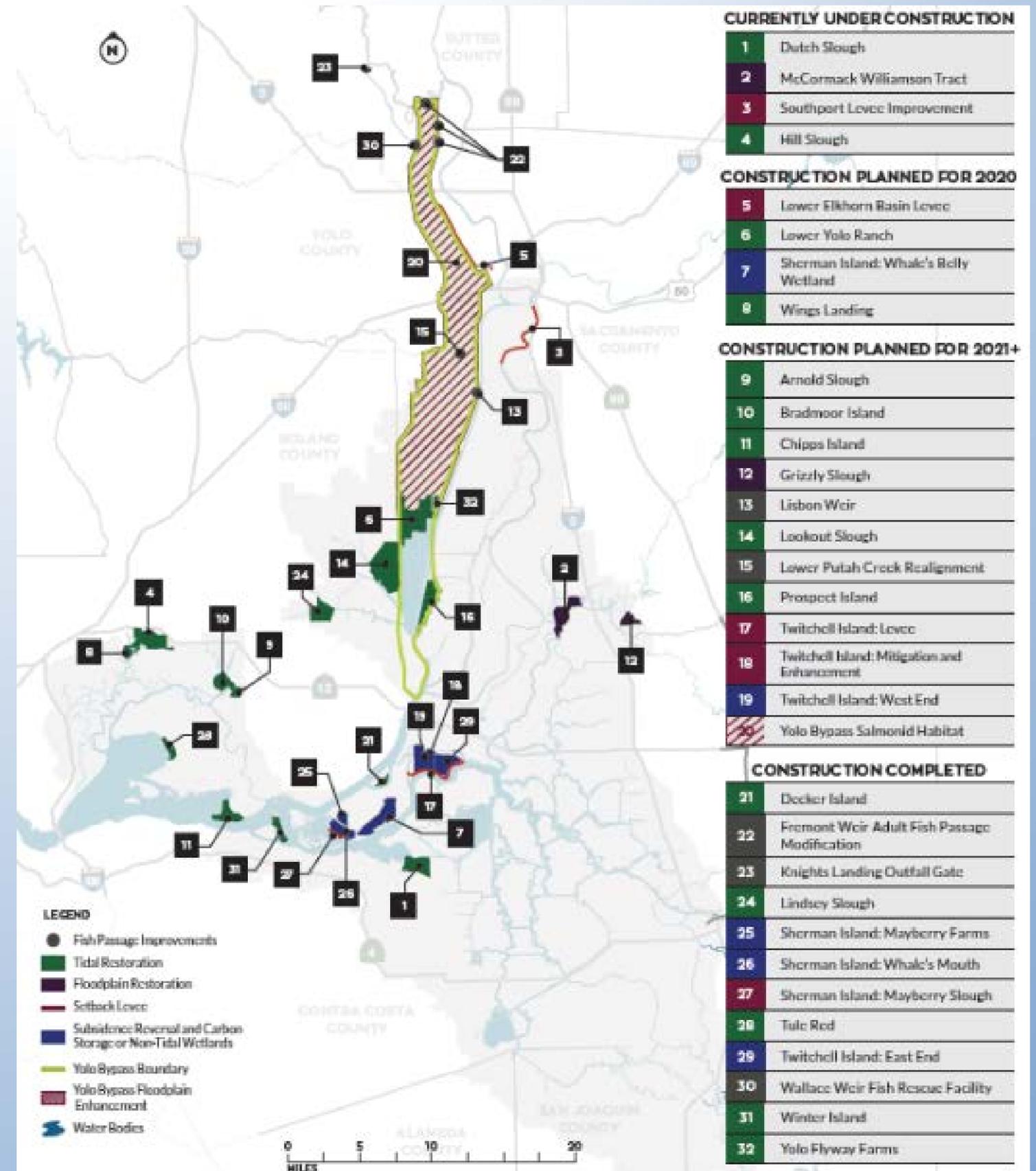
Lower Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback

- Improve flood protection
- Restore 900 acres floodplain habitat
- Improve agriculture resilience
- Improve recreation



Source: California Department of Water Resources, 2019

Pace and Scale



Best Practices

- **Project development**
- **Delivery mechanisms**



TECHNICAL BRIEF

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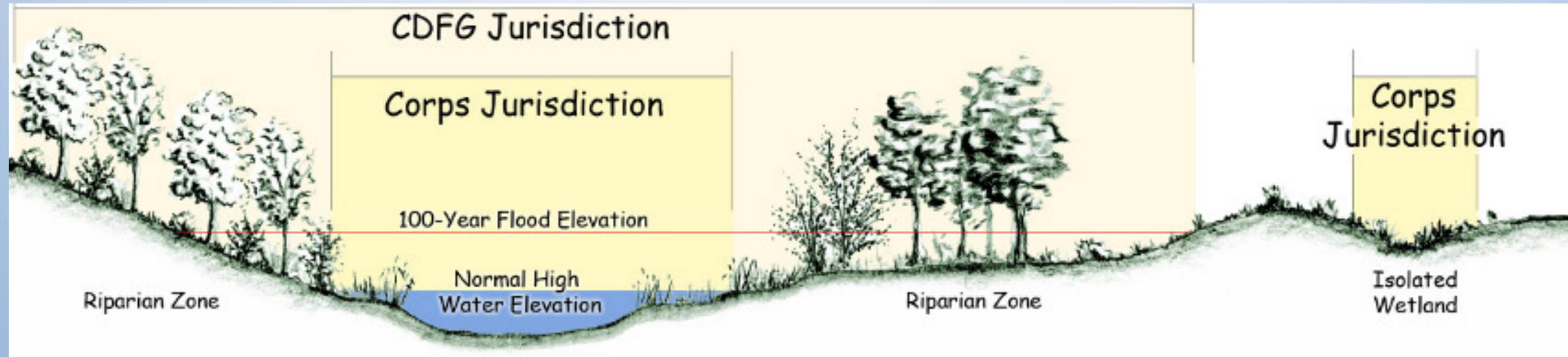
Investment



Partnerships



Permitting



Communities

